Final agenda

DAY 1 - December 7, 2010

07:00+ am
Registrations and welcome of participants

08:30 - 10:00 am
Opening Session & Welcome Addresses

Chair
Karine Valin - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative, France

Vera Brenda Ngosi
Director, Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)

AU and EU Frameworks
Priorities, Implementation Status, and Remaining Challenges

Iarl Lindy - Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Mohamed Ben Amor - Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia
12:00 - 01:00 pm
Networkling buffet lunch

01:00 - 03:00 pm
Africa-EU Partnerships
Strengthening Capacities

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Rapporteur: Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner

Africa-EU Partnerships - Overview

Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)

Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space (8th Partnership)

Africa-EU Partnerships - Perspectives (Roundtable Discussion)

José Manuel de Morais Briosa e Gala

African Personal Representative and Special Advisor of President Barroso, European Commission

Mohamed Ben Amor

Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia

Raphael Kofi

Principal Programme Officer, Head of Telecommunication Division, the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, Nigeria

Hannes Toivanen

Senior Research Scientist, VTT Organisations, Networks and Innovation Systems, Finland

Takalani Nemaunagani

Director: Global Projects, Department of Science & Technology, South Africa

03:00 - 03:30 pm
Coffee & tea break

03:30 - 04:30 pm
ICT Key Mechanisms for Innovation - The Enabling Environment
Tangible Case Studies & Flagship projects

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Rapporteur: Laura De Nale - Project Assistant at Sigma Orionis, France & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner

Jussi Hinkkanen - Vice President, Government Relations and Business Environment, Nokia Middle East and Africa, South Africa

Nokia, Finnish Government & infoDev Partnership “Creating Sustainable Businesses in the Knowledge Economy”

Danie Kok - Director, SAP Research CEC Pretoria, South Africa

Living Labs - Collaboration platforms for open innovation

Martti Ranin - Senior Adviser Mobile Monday, Finland

The Mobile Monday Initiative

Effat El-Shooky - Advisor to the Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Arab Republic of Egypt

Harnessing information, knowledge innovation and entrepreneurship for Africa youth development - The Living Labs Solution

Valerie D’Costa - Program Manager, infoDev & Manager, World Bank, US

The Africa Incubator Network

04:30 - 05:30 pm
Roundtable Discussion
Financing ICT Development & Innovation in Africa

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Rapporteur: Andrew Cherry - African Unit, Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner

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Investment Officer, Nordic Countries, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), France

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Regional Coordinator for ICT, Africa Region, World Bank, US

Michelle Makaroff

EU Business Development Manager, Global Strategic Account, Microsoft Corporation, Belgium

Pierre Fabre

Project Manager, Agence Française de Développement (the AFD Group), France

Christine Leurquin

VP Institutional Relations, SES, Belgium

05:30 - 06:30 pm
Roundtable Discussion
Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) - The Private Sector’s Viewpoint
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| Dhesigen Naidoo (Director of Research 
Innovation, University of Pretoria, SAI) & 
Jyrki Pulkkinen (CEO, Global E-Schools 
and Communities Initiative, Ireland) | e-Learning comprises all forms of electronically supported learning & teaching systems. ICTs serve as specific media to implement the learning process through the computer and network-enabled transfer of skills and knowledge. Applications & processes include Web-based learning, computer-based learning, virtual classrooms, digital collaboration, etc. It can be self-paced or instructor-led and includes media in the form of text, image, animation, streaming video and audio. ICT for Development, Education and Training is a major cooperation field between Africa and Europe. In education, the effective use of ICT offers new ways in which the quality, effectiveness and flexibility of higher education can be improved. ICT when integrated into education have the capacities to improve the delivery of ICT infrastructures - consisting of a combination of ICT-based resources, such as computers, networks, and scientific data repositories facilitating global resource sharing and collaborative research - are key enablers for virtual global research communities and drivers of socio-economic development. To be able to fulfil their missions, African research and higher education institutions need access to the global research and education network infrastructure. Unlike their peers on other continents, most African institutions do currently not have such an access. Within the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership (namely P8), the AUC and the EC have given highest priority to the AfricaConnect initiative as an early deliverable with the objective to support the African research and higher education. | The health sector is relying increasingly on advanced ICT to make healthcare more effective and more efficient. Examples: alerting and management support systems will use innovative data analysis and integration techniques such as data/semantic mining, information integration, decision support, and RFID-based intelligent medication delivery. Applied to medical databases, such techniques will permit health professionals to predict, detect, and monitor health problems. All relevant stakeholders will also be involved in investigating how ICT can help predict/assess risk, and manage large-scale health crises. e-Health is definitely a major ICT research priority of common interest and benefit for the two continents. | In today’s society, individuals and organisations are, on one hand, confronted with an ever growing load of information and, on the other, with increasing demands for knowledge and skills. To cope with this, we need to link content, knowledge and learning, making content and knowledge more accessible, interactive and usable over time by humans and machines alike. Europe and Africa, with their unique cultural heritage and creative potential, are well placed to exploit this paradigm shift, becoming key players in the knowledge economy. |
| Björn Pehrson (Research Leader, School of ICT, KTH, Sweden) & 
Boubakar Barry (Coordinator, Research & Education Networking Unit, AAU, Ghana) | | | |
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### Thematic Sessions - Part II

**Session 2a - E-Agriculture, e-Food, ICT for Environmental Sustainability & Energy Efficiency (enabling environment, climate change effects, disaster management, etc.)**

- **Rapporteur:** Tshepang Mosiea, Project Partner, eHealth Centre of Excellence, University of Pretoria, South Africa & WACREN
- **Chair:** Supt. Dr. Pascal Hoba, Coordinator, DAAD, Ghana

**Session 2b - Evolution and convergence of networks, infrastructures, equipment and services towards Future Network solutions**

- **Chair:** Leif Laaksoinen, (Collaboration Director, CSC, the Finnish IT Center for Science, Finland) & Saibou Mohamadou Arabani, (General Manager, ESMT, Senegal)
- **Rapporteur:** Santhi Kumaran, Deputy Director, eHealth Centre of Excellence, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica ICT Project Partner

**Session 2c - WORKSHOP Building and Strengthening Capacities in ICT Research in Africa (training programmes, ongoing initiatives, etc.)**

- **Chair:** Idris Rai, Deputy Dean and the Information Society, etc.)
- **Rapporteur:** Rory Mokhonoana, Project Coordinator, DATAD, AAU, Ghana

**Session 2d - e-Governance (secure services to citizens & business)**

- **Chair:** Venansius Barymarebwa, (Director, eHealth Centre of Excellence, Makerere University, Uganda)
- **Rapporteur:** Mahmood Farouk, Project Partner, WACREN

**Session 2e - WORKSHOP Identifying joint ICT Research Priorities**

- **Chair:** Alfredo Villafiorita, Coordinator, Africa4All EU-funded Project
- **Rapporteur:** Frederick Mombeshora, Executive Director, Gov2U, Zimbabwe & Dr Pascal Hoba (Head of the Communication & Services Department, Coordinator of DATAD, AAU, Ghana)

**Session 3a - Local innovation & technology transfer**

- **Chair:** Karel Matthee, Research Group Leader Trusted Network Infrastructures & Platforms, Meraka Institute, CSIR, South Africa
- **Rapporteur:** Michael Kagee, Project Partner, eHealth Centre of Excellence, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica ICT Project Partner

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**Session 3c - e-Inclusion & e-Accessibility (ICT for independent living, social inclusion, youth/women and the Information Society, etc.)**

- **Chair:** Phil Fong, Regional Dis & Information Coordinator, FAO Kenya
- **Rapporteur:** Santhi Kumaran, Deputy Director, eHealth Centre of Excellence, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica ICT Project Partner

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